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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON ARTS COMMISSION

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

5:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

The City of Madison is holding the Madison Arts Commission meeting virtually to help protect our community from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Annik N. Dupaty; Fabu P. Carter; Rae C. Senarighi; Anna T. January; Nicholas A. Pjevach; Prenicia E. Clifton; Bethany M. Jurewicz and Mitchell F. Branscombe

Excused: 1 - Marsha A. Rummel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 14, 2023: <http://madison.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

A motion was made by Branscombe, seconded by Clifton, to Approve the February 14, 2023 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [61239](#) Public Comment

-Sarah Stolte, the Curator at Madison College Truax Campus, in support of the Austen Brantley proposal
-Angie Trudell Vasquez gave her Poet Laureate report and Youth Poet Laureate report

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Nick Pjevach disclosed he works for Arts & Lit Lab and wrote a letter of support for Work Opportunity In Rural Communities, Inc (dba ArtWorking). Arts & Lit Lab is fiscal for the following applicants: Dakota Mace, Kristin Redman, James Kreul, Kel Mur/Victoria Charleson, Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets, Rachel Werner, and Atwood Atlier. Annik Dupaty disclosed consulting for the Center of Black Excellence. Prenicia Clifton disclosed working with the Center of Black Excellence.

2. [16466](#)

Introduce New Madison Arts Commission Member

Notified Commission that Alder Marsha Rummel was appointed to MAC.

4. [27011](#)

Art in Public Places

Senarighi gave an overview of the Austen Brantley sculpture proposal. Sarah stolte spoke in support of the partnership between Madison College and the City for this project.

A motion was made by Senarighi, seconded by Dupaty, to Approve the proposal contingent on a robust public engagement plan that extends beyond Madison College and involves Darbo residents. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

5. [43357](#)

Utility Box Art

Staff gave an overview of a proposal for the 2023 Utility Box Art Program. Additionally, MAC members discussed what to do with the utility box at the corner of N Sherman Ave/Schlingen Ave. They approved wrapping a different box with Melana Bass' artwork. MAC requested staff will meet with residents of the Sherman neighborhood to find a community based solution to the repeated vandalism. Possibly replacing with the same artwork.

A motion was made by Pjevach, seconded by Senarighi, to Approve staff proposal of the 2023 Utility Box Art Program proposal and to use up to \$20,000 from the Municipal Art fund to help cover costs. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

6. [23110](#)

Endorsing Community Projects

Senarighi gave an overview of the storm drain mural proposal.

A motion was made by Clifton, seconded by Branscombe, to Approve endorsing the BB Clarke and Owen storm drain mural proposal. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Item 8 was taken out of order.

8. [69717](#)

Madison Municipal Building Art Plan

Staff proposed themes for 2024 (children & nature) and 2025 (photography) Municipal Building art plan. Discussed waiting to decide 2025's theme.

A motion was made by Senarighi, seconded by Clifton, to Approve Children in Nature theme for the 2024 Municipal Building art and to determine the 2025 theme at a later date. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Item 9 was taken out of order.

9. [55290](#) Thurber Park Artist-in-Residence

Senarighi gave an update on events being held by Ash Armenta as part of their residency.

Item 11 was taken out of order.

11. [21279](#) MAC Administrative Reports

January requested Commissioners review Elected and Appointed Official Ethical Conduct ordinance.

7. [08046](#) Poet Laureate Program

Angie Trudell Vasquez gave the Poet Laureate report and spoke about the Youth Poet Laureate program.

Item 3 was taken out of order.

3. [21625](#) MAC Annual Grant Review

Meri Rose Ekberg explained the 2023-24 grant funding proposal. The commission discussed grant process and changes for next year and moved any further discussion to the Grants Committee.

A motion was made by Jurewicz, seconded by Clifton, to Approve the 2023 Grants proposal for a total of \$107,485 including the addition of funding the highest scoring film project for \$500 and adjusted funding for #35, #37, and #59 to receive an additional \$500. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

10. [22393](#) Election of Chair and Vice Chair to the Madison Arts Commission

Senarighi Nominated Pjevach and Pjevach accepted. Bethany seconded the nomination. Pjevach was elected to Chair by voice vote. January nominated Jurewicz to continue as Vice Chair and Jurewicz accepted. Branscombe seconded the nomination. Jurewicz was elected to Vice Chair by voice vote. January joined Grants and Public Arts Committees.

12. [75295](#) 2023 Press and Publicity

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by January, seconded by Carter, to Adjourn at 8:55 PM. The motion passed by voice vote/other.